

**WASTEWATER BRANCH
HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTS CRITERIA

The Environmental Assessment Documents (EADs) submitted for any SRF project will address the following criteria:

A. OEQC CRITERIA:

A current Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed project that meets the requirements of HAR 11-200-10. (For guidance, see OEQC Guidebook, Chapter VI-B, EA Content Requirements, Items (1)-(9).)

B. SERP CRITERIA:

The Environmental Assessment should also address the following areas to meet SERP requirements:

1. Population projections shall conform to or be derived from the latest population projection series developed by the State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).
2. A range of feasible alternatives shall be considered to include the "no action" alternative.
3. The analysis of alternatives and impacts shall include:
 - a. the primary and secondary (direct and indirect) impacts for all feasible alternatives (to include the "no action" alternative);
 - b. the impacts on social parameters such as land use, recreation and open-space opportunities;
 - c. the cumulative impacts such as anticipated community growth (residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial) within the project and study area;
 - d. the impacts on other anticipated public works projects (if any) and the planned coordination with them;

- e. the impacts on any individual sensitive environmental issues that have been identified through the public participation program.

C. FEDERAL CRITERIA:

Federal Funding Notice - for all SRF projects, the Environmental Assessment must include the following statement:

"This project may be funded by Federal Funds through the State of Hawaii's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program, which would constitute a federal action, and will require the project to meet all NEPA and Hawaii SRF program requirements."

This statement must also be included in the notice published in the OEQC newsletter, The Environmental Notice, or in the community newspaper.

Cross-cutting Authorities - for all SRF projects, the Environmental Assessment must also address the impacts of the proposed project on other Federal "cross-cutting" authorities, as applicable, to include the:

1. Archeological and Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §469a-1)
2. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7506(c))
3. Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. §3501)
4. Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. §1456(c)(1))
5. Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §1536(a)(2) and (4))
6. Environmental Justice, (Executive Order 12898)
7. Essential Fish Habitat Consultation Process under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. §1801)
8. Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. §4202(B))
9. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. §662(a))
10. Floodplain Management (42 U.S.C. §4321)
11. National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §470(f))
12. Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §300f)
13. Protection of Wetlands (42 U.S.C. §4321)
14. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. §1271)

D. PRIOR-DECISION DOCUMENTS:

Prior-decision documents (EA, EIS, FNSI, Reaffirmations, Negative Declarations) may be submitted. (Documents older than five years must be reaffirmed by the Applicant.) These documents may include the proposed project as part of a larger "parent" project.

Any prior-decision document submitted must contain information applicable and pertinent to the proposed project, and have logical relevancy to and bearing on the action being proposed. In particular, the scope of the proposed project must be substantially similar to the project identified in the prior decision document. All prior-decision documents must be re-evaluated by the County as outlined in Appendix H (SERP).

When prior-decision documents are submitted, an evaluation of the current environmental impacts of the proposed project must be conducted. New impacts not addressed in the prior-decision documents must be addressed in the current EA. If it is determined there are no new impacts, then the current EA need not be an extensive document.

E. EA CHECKLIST AND CERTIFICATION FORM:

The applicant must complete and sign the attached EA Checklist and Certification form for each proposed project.

F. EXEMPT PROJECTS CERTIFICATION FORM:

The applicant must complete and sign the attached Exempt Projects Certification Form.